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To Mask or not to Mask?

Common sense rules the day.



Campus returns to in-person, masks required

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BGSU is back in the classroom, and students must use common sense to keep it that way.

Classrooms will look similar to what they once were and won't have a capacity limit, but masks will be required for vaccinated and unvaccinated students, faculty and staff, BGSU Chief Health Officer Ben Batey said.

Students will be kept at least 3 feet apart during classes.

People typically think of 3 feet as a shoulder-to-shoulder measurement, Batey said, but the CDC defines 3 feet as nose-to-nose.

The mask requirement applies to all indoor public spaces, such as hallways and bathrooms of dormitories, the Falcon's Nest and dining halls, per the Wood County Health Department's recommendation.

And at the Student Recreation Center, "when actively exercising you can take the face covering off to aid with respirations, but when you're done exercising we ask that you put the face covering back on," Batey said.

But in private spaces such as one-person offices, study rooms in the library and individual dorm rooms, masks are not required.

"We have many tools in place now that we have learned how to navigate this virus, so we will utilize all of these tools and exhaust them before we get to a point where we have to lockdown or go all online"

—Ben Batey —
BGSU Chief Health Officer

"It all comes down to personal risk assessment though. So you can take your mask off in your private space, take it off outside while you're walking around or doing an activity, but we encourage each student to consider that for themselves," Batey said. "If you're feeling any symptoms, it's up to you to make the smart and safe decision for yourself and others."

The university is offering a variety of activities students can participate in that accommodate all levels of risk, Batey said.

"We're trying to create as many opportunities with all of our activities," Batey said. "If somebody's risk level is a little higher we can provide them with spacing, they can wear

a mask or a face shield, or they can go to activities outdoors."

As of Aug. 23, there are 107.02 cases per 100,000 residents, putting Wood County in the substantial transmission category.

As of Aug. 24 the university's student vaccination rate is 43%, from voluntary submissions on Med+Proctor.

BGSU uses Med+Proctor to collect vaccination status information. Students, faculty and staff can submit their status through this service on MyBGSU. Students submit their status voluntarily, so Batey said the actual number of vaccinated students may be higher.

Students who submitted their vaccination

card before Aug. 11 were entered in the VaxBGSU contest.

Batey hopes as students arrive back to campus they submit their vaccination status, and gain awareness of the service.

"The hope is as students arrive back to campus in these next several weeks we are going to see an increased awareness of the program and the prizes that are still available through the month of September," Batey said. "And we will continue to see students engaging the system in September."

As of Aug. 19, 51.5% of students living on campus are vaccinated, from submissions on Med+Proctor. Falcon Media was unable to obtain a more recent statistic.

Some may be more cautious about their roommates' vaccination status, and the University has recognized this potential issue and encourages students to reach out to residence life if necessary.

BGSU does not require proof of vaccination from students, so it is up to the individual to discuss the matter with roommates and peers, Batey said.

BGSU Marketing sophomore Logan Maxfield started college last year during

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COVID-19, and coming back for his second year is making him wary.

“Coming back to school with COVID-19 still being an issue is a little offsetting since people will be in close proximity to each other at all times, whether that be in the classroom or on and off-campus housing,” Maxfield said. “I’m just hoping that classes do not go online again this semester.”

It is unlikely the university will transition to all online classes again, Batey said.

“We have many tools in place that we’ve learned in how to navigate this virus, so we will utilize all of these tools and exhaust them before we get to a point where we have to lockdown or go all online.”

“Even with high case numbers we have to look at many other metrics. We have to look at things like hospitalizations, deaths and local community impact,” Batey said about the chances of BGSU closing again.

“There could be a large number of cases but if all we’re seeing is mild to asymptomatic cold or flu-like illness that’s something we would continue to assess,” Batey said.

First-year psychology major Caitlyn Bockbrader said, “I think it would be really upsetting on a lot of levels if we had to go back online so I hope BG continues to take the virus seriously and requires masks to hopefully prevent that.”

“I would appreciate more strict vaccine

“...does it make sense to transition to online if we’re not seeing those large scale community impacts?”

—Ben Batey —
BGSU Chief Health Officer

requirements for those living in the dorms.” If a vaccine is fully approved by the FDA, which happened on Monday with the Pfizer vaccine, Bockbrader said, “they should require it to live

in the dorms just like they require meningitis and hepatitis vaccines.”

But BGSU will not be requiring vaccines, Batey said.

In June, Gov. Mike Dewine signed House Bill 244 into law, which prevents public schools in Ohio from requiring vaccines. This bill goes into effect on October 13th, but BGSU will uphold the intent of the bill beforehand.

“Essentially the university was encouraged by the Ohio Attorney General and Ohio legislation to uphold the intent of that bill. It was presented to us that ... even though it doesn’t go into effect until (October 13th), we should be mindful of that in our decision making process.”



BY THE Numbers
Statistics for COVID-19 cases and vaccinations in Wood County and Bowling Green and at BGSU.



Sources: BGSU, Wood County Health Department

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YOUR LIFE

A College Back to School List

What to get and where to get it



Megan Finke | Managing Editor

When preparing for a new school year, supplies are a must. Though college students don't typically get a school supply list, it's always helpful to have a few tips and tricks. This year, I'm a junior in college so I've had my fair share of buying college school supplies. I have found that if I buy things I like, I'm more likely to use them. With that being said, I have a collection of pens, patterned composition notebooks and different colored sticky notes because I've found what I like and it's important for you to do the same!

1 Notebooks

Handwriting notes are one of few tricks we can use to help memorize class content. There are various studies that show students will have more luck remembering what they wrote if it is handwritten opposed to typed.

2 Planner

It is very important to keep track of when classes are, when assignments are due and much more. A planner is something that can help us stay organized and can be used for many different things. Personally, I love to put my class and work schedule in an electronic planner so I can have it on my phone.

3 Pens and pencils

Writing utensils are a given while getting school supplies. If you are someone who handwrites their notes, I recommend getting you favorite pens in whatever color you like. There aren't any specific pens or pencils that a student needs to succeed. Get what you like and something that'll excite you to take notes.

4 Sticky notes

Sticky notes are not needed but they are nice to have. If you have paper copy textbooks, these are useful to mark important information, hold your place and take notes in the book without having to mark it up.

5 Highlighters

Highlighters are another writing utensil that isn't necessary but useful. If you bought textbooks, highlighters are a good way to distinguish important information in text from the rest. They are also useful for a number of different things, but if you take notes on a laptop and have online books, I wouldn't recommend it.

6 A durable bag

A bag is a necessity for college. We don't have lockers or anywhere to leave our personal belongings so a durable bag that can carry books, notebooks and even a laptop are strongly recommended. This is definitely something worth spending a little money on.

7 Headphones

Walking around campus can be a little quiet if you're alone or going to class, so headphones are definitely a go-to. With class assignments being online, these can be useful for various online tasks.

Where can you buy your supplies?

- Amazon
- Walmart
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PEOPLE ON THE STREET

What are you most excited for this Fall Semester?



ROSALEIGH SAUNDERS
SOPHOMORE
Chemistry

"I'm excited to have a roommate this semester because I didn't get to experience that last year."



JACOB NORWILLO
JUNIOR
Communications

"I'm excited for all the new opportunities that I'm going to get with all of the clubs, the classes, and the people I'm going to meet."



ALEXIS ANDREWS
SOPHOMORE
Art Education

"Since this is my first time on campus, I'm excited to explore the Second Year Social and Falcons After Dark!"



HAROON AHMED
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"This is my first time being here from my home country, Pakistan. So I'm most excited to learn and understand all of the different cultures."

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YOUR LIFE

Megan Finke | Managing Editor

Bowling Green is packed with things for students to do, free or not. Sometimes a guide helps to start fun, save money or provide a bit of direction.

Nightlife:

BG has an abundance of nighttime activities. Some local bars offer karaoke nights and trivia nights, while others you can dance the night away with friends. Al-Mar Lanes also offers a cosmic bowling experience for a fun night out with friends.

Parks:

Going to a park is a fun and free activity that anyone can do. Bowling Green has a handful of parks which all offer a different experience and a glance into nature. Some of the city's best include; Wintergarden, Simpson Garden Park, Black Swamp Preserve and City Park. Outside of Bowling Green there are many parks in Northwestern Ohio. On the northside of campus, some parks to check out are Maumee Bay State Park, Wildwood Preserve MetroPark and Toledo Botanical Gardens.



Simpson Garden Park

How to BG

Where to go for fun, food and more!

Restaurants:

Off-campus restaurants is something BG specializes in. Visit**bgohio.org** provides a full list of restaurants so everyone has something to choose from. If you're looking for breakfast food, Kermit's Family Restaurant, Everyday People Cafe are just a few of the delicious spots. North Main Street is packed with restaurants like Easystreet Cafe, Mr. Spots, Beckett's Burger Bar and Call of the Canyon Cafe — which also serves breakfast. BG is also packed with pizza options like Pisanello's, Rapid Fired Pizza, Pollyeyes and D.P. Dough.



Shopping:

Bowling Green has a variety of shops all throughout the city. There are bigger stores like T.J. Maxx and Five Below, but there are also plenty of local shops to pick from. A few include: For Keeps Gifts, Eden Fashion Boutique, Ben's Crafts and Mode Elle Boutique. The list of BG shopping spots go on, and anyone can find a spot to spend money at.



Coffee:

If you're a coffee fanatic, there is nothing to worry about because BG has plenty of options. There are many local coffee spots that students can go to get something to drink or to find a spot to do homework: Juniper Brewing Company, Grounds for Thought, Flatlands Coffee. There are also larger scale coffee shops like Starbucks, Dunkin and Biggby Coffee.



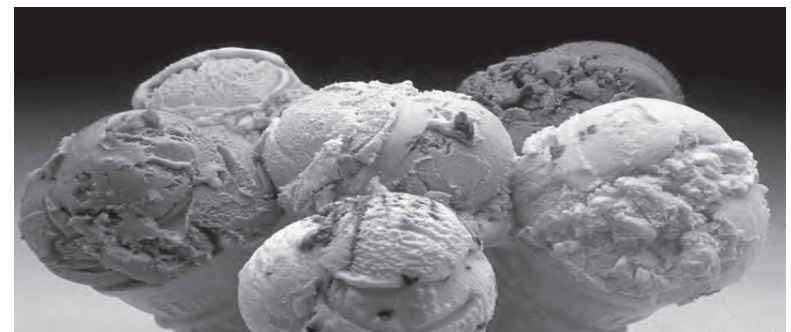
Juniper Brewing Company

Groceries:

Groceries are a necessity for anyone living anywhere. BG is full of spots to find healthy produce and yummy treats. In Bowling Green there is a Kroger, Meijer and Walmart which all carry a wide selection of groceries. There is also an Aldi and Big Lots which provide cheaper options. The cheapest place to get groceries in BG is Dollar Tree or any other dollar store.

Sweet Spots:

If you have a sweet tooth, BG has plenty of places to find a treat. Insomnia Cookies and The Cookie Jar are two spots where you can get warm cookies in the area. If you prefer a cold dessert, there is no lack of spots. Some include; Sundae Station, Eric's Ice Cream Factory, BG's Frosty Fare, Lola's and Dairy Queen.



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How has COVID-19 impacted BGSU?

WITH **BEN BATEY, MPH, RN**

Ben Batey has worked closely with BGSU for years, as the Wood County Health Commissioner from 2014 to July 2020. He transitioned to his current role as BGSU's Chief Health Officer, where he oversees the university's COVID strategies and protocols. Now that Batey has led BGSU against COVID-19 for over a year, he has perspective on his part in the effort and the overall effect on the university.

What does it mean to be a Chief Health Officer at a university?

"My background is in public health, and I operate from the perspective of how we can take those public health principles and those community health principles and apply them to a university. That's where this chief health officer position comes from. And I think you're starting to see this pop up on many different universities' campuses across the nation, as just a true recognition of how health impacts everybody's life across the campus."

How were you and your team able to help BGSU navigate COVID-19?

"It was really building the team that was going to work with me and building those partnerships, to help us navigate it appropriately. At the same time, looking at what decisions need to be made from a protocol standpoint, looking at CDC guidance, looking at the Ohio Department of Health guidance, our local health department guidance, and the best

recommendations from what we knew at the time and apply those appropriately and help us move forward. It was really quite an undertaking, to lay out the spaces differently than they've ever been on campus to provide for physical distancing."

How were off-campus partnerships established and what did they mean to your response to the pandemic?

"I worked at the Wood County Health Department for over 10 years before I came here and worked at BGSU. And so I already had that direct relationship, I knew exactly how the health department operated, and I had served as the Health Commissioner for the county for over six years. And so that was a great transition and partnership that we were able to actually sign a mutual aid agreement with the health department that allowed us to do some things to help navigate our way through this pandemic."

Did the lessons you learned from rolling out COVID-19 testing on campus help roll out vaccines?

"We actually were able to take a team from BGSU and Wood County's Hospital lab and go down to the Ohio Department of Health lab to see OSU's lab and what they were doing for testing. And we really asked some questions around how we can stand up quicker and have more readily available turnaround times here in Bowling Green, and they offered us a lot of advice and suit through that partnership with the County Hospital and the state. We were able to bring a whole new testing system to their lab that they were able to then get under 24 hour turnaround time for test results."

What resources are available to students to help them deal with the pandemic's impact on their life?

"Our division oversees multiple areas across campus. We oversee the counseling center, a huge resource for our BGSU students and the community. We've all experienced sort of a trauma coming through this pandemic and so there's all sorts of opportunities for someone to fall into some negative patterns or substance abuse issues. At the same time, we have the wellness connection and they operate for faculty, staff and students. They're housed in the Student Rec Center, they offer fitness classes, mindfulness classes, nutrition programming and all of these daily wellness activities."

How has COVID-19 affected mental health?

"When we were in lockdown there was a drastic increase in stress levels within households for all of us. But now we're sort of on the other side of the pandemic, we have vaccines that drastically decrease the risk levels from this virus. We hope those stress levels would start to come down, and some of the impacts from prolonged chronic stress would start to resolve themselves. Now, I'm able to participate in some of the activities that I enjoy and I'm able to socialize a bit more, and all these things should be moving you towards a more positive mental health outlook."



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"I think we're all anticipating in public health that there's going to be sort of a tidal wave of mental health issues coming at us in direct reaction to the pandemic."

Ben Batey, MPH, RN | Chief Health Officer





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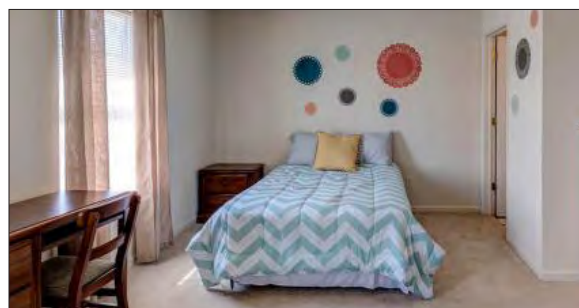
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Community Brew

Falcon Flames create community hub

Sure, when you stop by Juniper Brewing on South Main you can enjoy a strong cup of coffee, a cold craft beer, or tasty food, but owners Zach and Christina Tracy want you to see something more.

"My wife and I wanted to create a community hub," Zach said. "I'm from Bowling Green and we're both alums (in fact, they are Falcon Flames). We want this to be inclusive of everyone in our community, so the place is built for students and the community members to cohabitate."

What does that look like?

"If you take a snapshot, you'll see students with their laptops, moms with their kids, and older folks hanging out," he said.

Zach and Christina mulled the idea of opening a brewery for a decade. Zach began his love affair with brewing beer almost two decades ago while teaching in Cleveland and online coursework and internships allowed him hone his skills. Then a work-related trip to Michigan helped clarify the idea.

Christina was "on a business trip and saw the concept," Zach said. "The more we

"We want this to be a welcoming place and we want to start doing events, live music, art classes ... always something for everyone."

— Zach Tracy—

Owner of Juniper Brewing Company

thought about it, the more it made perfect sense. Coffee and craft beer drinkers are both super passionate about what they drink and eat. So we said, 'why not put coffee in' which was different than our original business plan. It snowballed from there."

That snowball, like all recent plans, ran into COVID-19. They started to build out the 139 South Main location in 2019 and then the pandemic hit.



"Everything ground to a snail's pace," Zach said. Some contractors refused to work indoors. Others wouldn't work while other contractors were in the building, which made scheduling that much more complicated. "We finished in 12 months but it felt like 12 years."

By February of 2021, they were serving coffee. They soon added grab and go food, including vegan baked goods and some café-type offerings. When April rolled around, they

began serving their craft beer and appetizers. Finally, they introduced their dinner menu. But they're not done.

"It's going to continue to evolve," Zach said. "We want this to be a welcoming place and we want to start doing events, live music, art classes ... always something for everyone."

Zach focuses on Juniper full-time but he

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said Christina “has a real job in community development. This is her side hustle.” Yet they both share the same vision.

“Our intention with Juniper Brewing Company has always been to create a place welcoming to the community and the students; a bridge, if you will, between the two,” Christina said. “We work hard to make sure there is something here for everyone and that the atmosphere is pleasing to all. We are fanatics about our high- quality offerings and focus on partnering with local vendors as much as possible. We’ve already partnered with the city of Bowling Green on financing and the parlets and BGSU in many different ways.”

And being part of the community means being part of the business community as well

and both brewing aspects of Juniper are compliments to vibrant parts of Bowling Green’s economy.

“BG is a great place for coffee,” Zach said. “Flatlands (just up the road at 138 North Main Street) is on the cutting edge and super-intense about what they do. Then you have legacy spots like Grounds for Thought (just down the street at 174 South Main Street), who are super knowledgeable about the craft, more than I will ever be. It’s not really competition as far as I’m concerned, just offering up more choices for people.”

The same can be said for the other side of the Juniper brewing



operation.

“All of a sudden, we have four different breweries in Bowling Green and they are all doing unique and cool stuff,” Zach said. “My hope is that Bowling Green becomes a craft beer destination, that’s kind of our goal.”

In the meantime, Zach said “we just hope people will hang out and feel welcome.” ■

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— Christina Tracy —
Owner of Juniper Brewing Company

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Eating healthy while on campus



Paige Wagner

Between every changing schedules and a variety of tempting options, eating healthy on a college campus can be a challenge. Paige Wagner, BGSU Dining's Registered Dietitian Nutritionist, is here to help with three suggestions. In addition to her other professional credentials, Paige is also a BGSU grad, so she knows her way around the campus food scene.

Plan Ahead

BGSU Dining makes all menus available online (dineoncampus.com/bgsu), so you can check them out before you head to the campus dining halls and be better prepared to make healthy choices.

Part of your planning process includes looking over your daily schedule. If you have a long stretch of classes with no breaks, be sure to pack healthy snacks, which you can find at any of the campus convenience stores.

Consider your options

Your planning isn't over once you get to the dining hall. Walk the entire dining hall before even grabbing a plate. This allows you to see all your options and you will be less tempted to grab the first thing in front of you, eliminating "buyer's remorse."

Use all your resources

Beyond all the information on the BGSU Dining website, reach out to the nutrition staff if you have questions. Students can access nutrition counseling services around nutrition education, meal planning, understanding food labels, and how to navigate your on-campus options according to your food preferences and/or allergies. Paige and her team regularly meet with students to discuss health eating on campus, allergies and sensitivities, vegan and vegetarian diets, and other dietary issues.

Paige completed her dietetic internship at West Virginia University and is currently working on her Masters of Public Health in Health Promotion and Education from the University of Toledo. She also serves as the Teaching Kitchen Coordinator and work with campus chefs to implement nutrition into cooking classes. You can find Paige on the second floor of The Oaks building and connect with her by phone (419-372-0548) or email (wiemanp@bgsu.edu).

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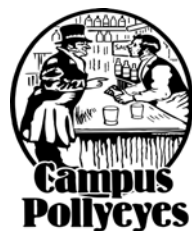
Things are always changing in Bowling Green and that includes the eateries that make downtown vibrant. Those changes don't always arrive in the form of a new restaurant, in fact many recent changes involve some of the most familiar names in the region.

For starters, Sam B's and Beckett's Burger Bar have swapped locations. It was a win-win solution, both owners told BG Independent Media.

Sam B's owner Jim Farrell told the news website that he wanted to downsize from his 163 Main Street location. Meanwhile, Beckett's owner George Stratta wanted his own building, offering him stability and, just as importantly, the opportunity to expand, which 146 Main Street did not afford.

Simple as it sounds, switching locations solved both problems and Farrell, for one, couldn't be more pleased.

"We get to downsize and we get to keep our brand," Farrell told BG Independent Media.



"I showed up to Bowling Green with a '62 Volkswagen, \$38.50 and a dream I could outwork everyone else in the world,"

George Nicholson | Former owner of Pagliai's & Campus Pollyeyes

It's also a homecoming for both owners. Farrell told the Sentinel-Tribune that the North Main location housed Sam B's from 1988-2002. Meanwhile, Farrell had also been Stratta's landlord.

"Jim's been my landlord since I purchased the business from him in 2007," Stratta told the Sentinel Tribune. "There's just been a lot of conversation over the last few years about why I want to own my own space. He and I came up with the idea of switching, to give him something smaller and me something bigger. I really have outgrown it."

There's more history to it, too. You'll still see the remnants of "Kauffman's" painted on the side of the South Main building. That's because it housed Farrell's restaurant of that name until 2002.

"We love to be such a big part of the downtown community," Stratta said. "To me, it's one of the most historic buildings in downtown."

Other changes to Bowling Green mainstays are a little more behind the scenes. George Nicholson, a cornerstone of the community and owner of Pagliai's and Campus Pollyeyes for more than 50 years, passed away on December 16, 2020. The restaurants remain as part of his legacy, including their marquee offering, Campus Pollyeyes' stuffed breadsticks.

"I showed up to Bowling Green with a '62 Volkswagen, \$38.50 and a dream I could outwork everyone else in the world," Nicholson said.

Back in 2009, Falcon Media reported that after his first 43 years in Bowling Green,

Nicholson had seen 40 pizza shops open ... and close. Only Pisanello's Pizza has been around longer – nearly 60 years.

Pisanello's opened in 1964 when Jerry Liss took his Navy pay and honored his former boss (Ron Pisanello) to open his shop in Bowling Green. Liss figured the town's growing student population would provide plenty of customers. His pizza and the influx of students proved to be a great match and today there are more than a dozen Pisanello's across Ohio and Michigan. Liss and his wife Sylvia DuBois have passed but the Pisanello's name (and pizza) continue to be a main stay on North Main Street. ■



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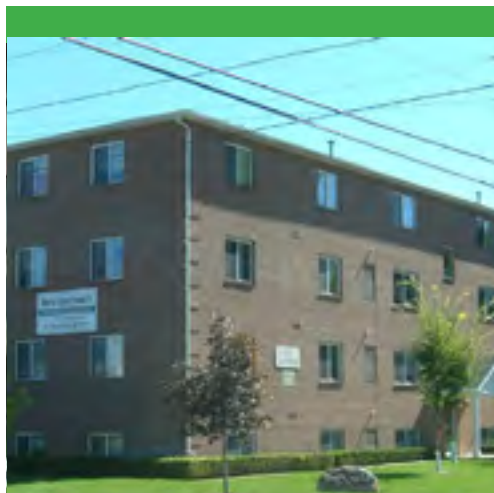
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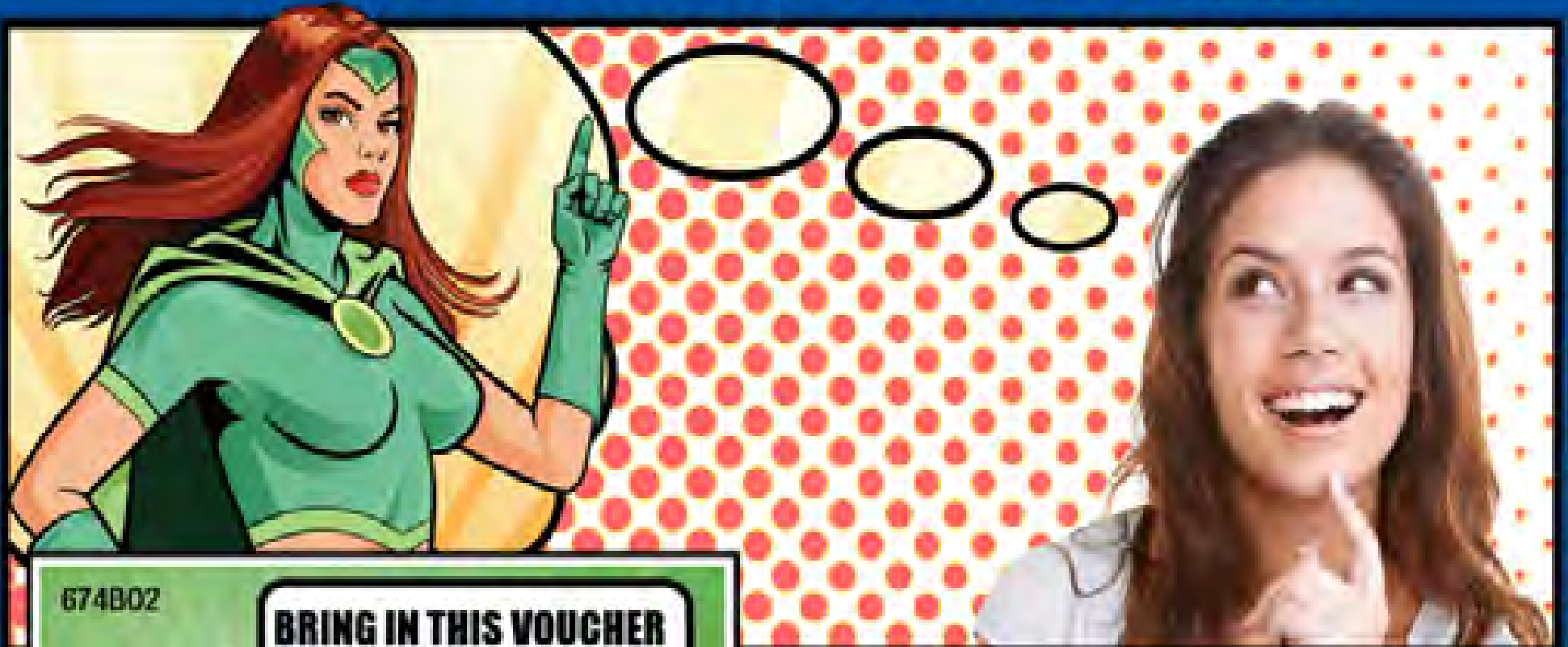
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BGSU ATHLETICS

Athletic Events Return to 100% Fan Capacity

By Falcon Media Staff

One of the clearest signs that we are emerging from the shadows of the COVID-19 pandemic may be the return of fans to live athletic events and BGSU will be no exception. Ohio Governor Mike DeWine said health orders related to COVID-19 would be lifted as of June 2 and less than a week later, BGSU announced fans would be welcome back to football games at 100% capacity.

"We are excited to welcome the Falcon faithful back to Doyt L. Perry Stadium this fall based on university, local, state and CDC guidance," Director of Athletics Bob Moosbrugger said. "When our BGSU students, alumni, fans and families are cheering for our teams and pack the Doyt, it makes a tremendous impact on the game day experience we provide our student-athletes in our pursuit for competitive excellence."

The positive trends will not only have an impact on attendance at football

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—Bob Moosbrugger—
Director of Athletics

games, but all Falcon athletic events, including indoor sports such as basketball and hockey.

"The BGSU Division of Health and Wellness continues to monitor national, statewide, and local COVID-19 trends," said Chief Health Officer Ben Batey. We are so proud of how our BGSU student-athletes found a way forward last year and we're happy to be able to open the Doyt and all athletic facilities to full capacity to cheer them on."

The pandemic not only reduced attendance at athletic events, but also truncated many schedules. This year, BGSU teams will enjoy full slates of events and when fans can't be there, the Bowling Green Radio Sports Organization (BGRSO) will keep them informed. Brandon Loe, Falcon Media Sports Director, said his organization learned a lot from the pandemic and he's looking forward to continuing BGRSO's tradition of broadcasting more live sporting events than any other college.

"It's going to be different from last year with all the COVID restrictions being lifted," Loe said. "We learned a lot, though, and now that things are returning to normal, we can make it a better normal."

Coverage of all Falcon sports can be found on Falcon Radio and WBGU-FM as well as FalconMedia.com.

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Falcon Athletics

— TO SOAR IN 2021-2022 —

On the playing field, BGSU Athletics won six Mid-American Conference regular season or tournament championships in 2020-21. That is the most since the department set the standard with six in 1982-83. BGSU finished 2nd in the MAC's Jacoby Standings for the 2021 academic year. The Jacoby Award is given to the MAC's top overall women's athletic program, and this is the highest finish for the Falcons since they also finished 2nd in 2007.

In the classroom, BGSU student-athletes finished the 2021 academic year with a cumulative GPA of 3.42, which is the highest on record. 15% of Falcon student-athletes have a cumulative GPA of 4.0 with 80% achieving at a 3.0 level or better.



Athletic Director, Bob Moosbrugger

VOLLEYBALL

The Bowling Green State University volleyball program will return to the court for the fall 2021 campaign to defend the team's MAC Regular Season and MAC Tournament titles. The regular season title marked the third in the last four seasons for the Falcons while the tournament championship granted BGSU the program's first NCAA berth since 2012. As a team, the Orange and Brown went 22-2 overall during the 2020-21 season, including an 18-match win streak to begin the season and the program record for longest win streak. The season's conclusion also saw Coach Danijela Tomic named the MAC Coach of the Year as well as the AVCA Northeast Region Coach of the Year.



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FOOTBALL

The Falcon football program opens the 2021 season by taking on the Tennessee Volunteers on Thursday, Sept. 2. Under third-year head coach Scot Loeffler, the BGSU football team has one of the most youthful teams in the country in 2021. With one of the most experienced coaching staffs in the Mid-American Conference, the Falcons have a foundation in place to build another winning program at Bowling Green. BGSU is preparing for full capacity this season for games inside Doyt L. Perry Stadium. The annual Battle of 1-75 against rivalry game vs. Toledo will take place Wednesday, Nov. 10. The last time the two programs squared off in Bowling Green, the Falcons came away with a 20-7 victory. The home opener is set for Saturday, Sept. 11 versus South Alabama.

SPORTS

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MEN'S SOCCER

For the first time in nearly two decades, the Bowling Green State University men's soccer team will enter the season as the defending Mid-American Conference champions. Head coach Eric Nichols and the Falcons captured the conference crown and moved to the NCAA Championships in the spring of 2021.

BGSU returns eight of 11 starters from a team that ended the season ranked No. 30 in the final College Soccer News poll. The Falcons finished third in the final United Soccer Coaches North Region poll, and Nichols and his staff were named the North Region Staff of the Year.



WOMEN'S SOCCER

Jimmy Walker assumed the BGSU women's soccer head-coaching job in early 2020, taking over a team that had won two consecutive MAC titles. A season that was unlike any other ended just as the previous two seasons had ended – with BGSU capturing the MAC championship. Walker guided the Falcons to a 6-1-1 overall record and a 5-1-0 mark in MAC regular-season play, and BG downed Ball State in the conference championship. The Falcons outscored opponents, 17-3, and fans of other MAC programs may not be excited to hear that all 11 starters return in the fall of 2021.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

In men's basketball, Justin Turner broke the school's career scoring record and became the first Falcon in school history to be named to the NABC All-District First Team three times. Turner also was named to the All-MAC First Team for the third consecutive season.

Kaden Metheny and Josiah Fulcher earned All-Freshman Team honors a season ago, while established seniors Daegwon Plowden (All-MAC) and Trey Diggs (Sixth Man of Year) are back in Bowling Green after all-conference seasons in 2020-21.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

After being picked to finish 11th in the preseason poll, the BGSU women's basketball team won the MAC regular-season championship. Robyn Fralick was named MAC Coach of the Year and Lexi Fleming was named MAC Freshman of the Year. The Falcons were tied for second in the nation on the NCAA's list of top Division-I turnarounds from 2019-20 to '20-21. Head coach Robyn Fralick's Falcons posted a 12-game improvement, going 21-8 last season after finishing with a 10-21 record the previous winter.



HOCKEY

BGSU hockey went 20-10-1, the seventh consecutive season in which the team earned at least 20 wins. That is the second-longest active streak in the country. Junior defenseman, Will Cullen, was named the 2020-2021 WCHA Co-Defensive Player of the Year. This is the third time in program history and the second consecutive year that the Falcons have had the WCHA Defensive Player of the Year after Alec Rauhauser collected the award at the conclusion of both the 2017-18 and 2019-20 seasons. Bowling Green has now been responsible for three of the last five WCHA Defensive Player of the Year recipients.



BGSU Athletics

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The BGSU athletic department learned a lot from the pandemic restrictions, too, and continues to move toward an all-digital ticket delivery system.

"We'll have full capacity for all events," said Taylor Jefferson, the athletic department's director of marketing and brand enhancement. "We are changing to all-digital ticketing, so the best way for fans to get tickets is through the BGSU app or the athletics website (BGSUFalcons.com)."

It's going to be different from last year with all the COVID restrictions being lifted. We learned a lot, though, and now that things are returning to normal, we can make it a better normal.

—Brandon Loe —
Falcon Media Sports Director

The return to "normal" includes an in-person homecoming, announced by President Rogers in early May, taking place September 16 through 19. It will include everything from the Freddie and Frieda Falcon 5K to cooking lessons in the BGSU teaching kitchen to fireworks after the football game with Murray State.



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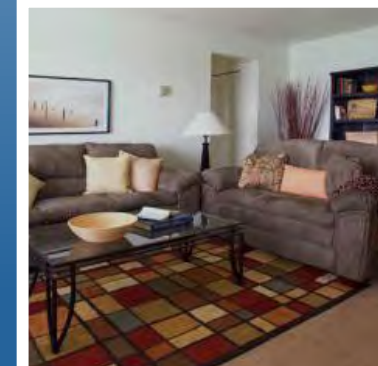
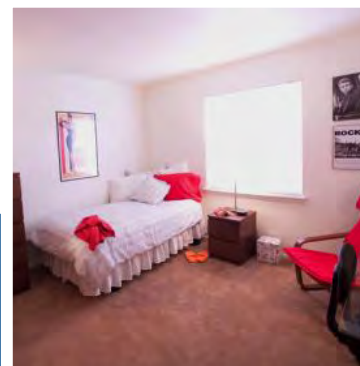
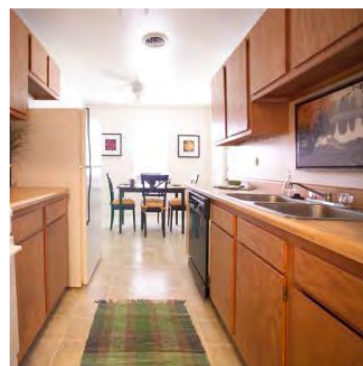
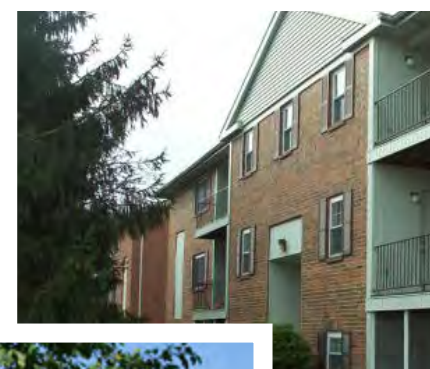


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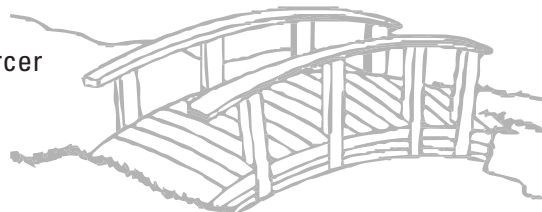
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You'll find students hanging out during the week playing pool, having a jam session at the piano, or playing video games in Fireside Lounge. You'll meet plenty of folks eating free food at "Thou Shall Chow," studying in the Antioch Library, burning off some energy in the Seton Hall gymnasium, soaking up the sun in the courtyard, or enjoying the silence of a late-night visit to the chapel.

Sunday Masses are the highlight of the week, of course, but students, faculty, and staff alike often take advantage of the opportunity for a quick 30-minute Mass during the week at lunch or after their afternoon classes. We host all-day Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays (8am-Midnight) and the chapel comes alive on Wednesday nights at 9pm for our weekly Night of Worship with Praise Music, Eucharistic Adoration, and the Sacrament of Confession.



Father Jeff Walker

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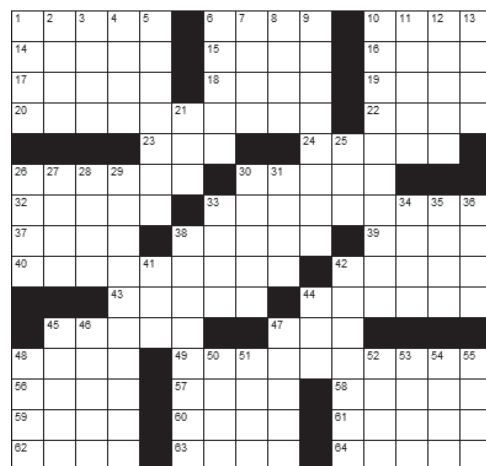
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1. Breast
6. By mouth
10. ___ du jour = Meal of the day
14. Bouquet
15. Soft drink
16. Relating to aircraft
17. Museum piece
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19. Cease
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26. Quiet
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